

Subject: Comprehensive Plan

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Subject: Re: Comprehensive Plan

Hello Courtney, Brett, Michelle,

After reviewing the plan draft again, I additionally want to say that even a three-stories height limit seems high to me in current single family home neighborhoods because the structures could shade the neighbors' rooftops where many of us have spent considerable funds to have solar panels installed to help the City meet its carbon zero goals. I am not sure how to avoid this except by limiting buildings to 2 stories or 2 1/2 stories at most. Also, it is not clear how this plan will guarantee more affordable housing options, which is paramount to any plans for housing in Ann Arbor.

Thank you for considering this as the Planning Commission continues its work.

Joan Harris

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Hello Joan,

Thank you for your email. Your comments will be shared with the Planning Commission.

Have a nice day.

Courtney Manor

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Dear Members of the Planning Commission and City Council Members:

Thank you for your work on the Ann Arbor Comprehensive Plan.

In reviewing the draft, I have a few concerns about the Plan I hope you will consider:

In terms of downtown and transit corridors, please consider setbacks to allow/require full size shade trees along the roadways and green landscaping along the sides of buildings. This is acutely important to mitigate CO2 emissions and acts as traffic and human behavior-calming, providing a healthy reprieve and counter to the heat sink and wind tunnel effects that are created by concrete and other impervious surfaces that higher density and taller structures create.

In current single-family neighborhoods, please limit the height to 3 stories to blend more aesthetically with the current single-family housing. And again, setbacks and landscaping will provide calming and CO2 mitigation.

I am unable to attend the upcoming meetings, so hope you will consider my suggestions as you proceed. Thank you.ano

Joan Harris